

ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a process for preparing a soft tablet capable of being chewed or disintegrated in the oral cavity. The tablet is prepared by forming a tablet having a friability of less than about 2% from a mixture comprising a pharmaceutically active  
5 ingredient, an excipient in the form of a hydrate, and a water-swellable excipient, and then applying sufficient energy, preferably in the form of heat, to the tablet for a sufficient time to decrease the hardness of the tablet by at least about 20%.